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**Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister Justin P.J. Trudeau of Canada in Los Angeles, California**

*June 9, 2022*

*President Biden.* Mr. Prime Minister and to your delegation, let me start by saying we have no better friend in the whole world than Canada. And that's not hyperbole, that's real. And you're a good personal friend as well.

*Televised Hearing of the House Select Committee To Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol*

Before I begin, one of the things that's going to occupy my country tonight, I suspect, is the first open hearings on January the 6th. And as I said when it was occurring and subsequent, I think it was a clear, flagrant violation of the Constitution. I think these guys and women broke the law, tried to turn around the result of an election. And there's a lot of questions: Who's responsible, who's involved?

I'm not going to make a judgment on that, but I just want to know that—want you to know that we're going to probably be—a lot of Americans are going to be seeing for the first time some of the detail that occurred.

*Canada-U.S. Relations*

But you and I have a lot to talk about. We're going to be hanging out with each other a fair amount at the G-7, at the NATO conference in Spain.

And—but today we're engaged in our hemisphere. And I think—presumption of me to say, but I think we both share the same sense that the possibilities for the hemisphere are unlimited.

We already have with—notwithstanding some difficulties in the hemisphere, we already have a circumstance where it's the most democratic hemisphere in the world. And there's no reason why, from Canada and along the Arctic, all the way down to the tip of Chile and Argentina, that we can't—this can't become a more—a democratic, a united, and middle class, economically prosperous hemisphere.

And so that's one of my objectives in this Summit of the Americas. There's a lot we have to work through. But I want to thank you for your partnership.

*Prime Minister Trudeau.* Thank you, Mr. President. That's a place I want to start—just the friendship between Canada and the United States is deep. It's reminded to me as I was visiting NORAD a couple of days ago just how much we do together. We're the only places—the only place in the world where there is a truly binational command to protect our homelands. It is an example of that.

But as we gather here today, and the reflections that you're bringing forward on democracy—reminds us that it is extraordinarily important to be there for each other and to be there for our allies around the world.

And the work that we can do on supporting and projecting and sharing our values as a way of actually supporting and impacting citizens around the world to make the case that democracy is not just fairer, but it's also better for citizens, in terms of putting food on the table, putting futures in front of them, that those are the things we need to work on.

We have worked very closely over the past many months on the issue of Ukraine, where Canada is deeply engaged and supportive of everything we're doing as a West on being there against Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. And we will continue to work closely together on that.

We're also dealing with real challenges around climate around the world and stepping up on that. And it's always a pleasure to be doing that. But the center of it has to be, even as we gather with our friends across the Americas, how we create prosperity, how we counter the rising cost of living, how we create good jobs for our citizens not just in our respective countries, but in each other's countries and throughout the hemisphere.

And that's why I'm so pleased to be here to work with you on.

*[At this point, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke in French; no translation was provided.]*

*President Biden.* Thank you.

Well, thank you all very much. Appreciate it.

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NOTE: The President spoke at 12:08 p.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

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